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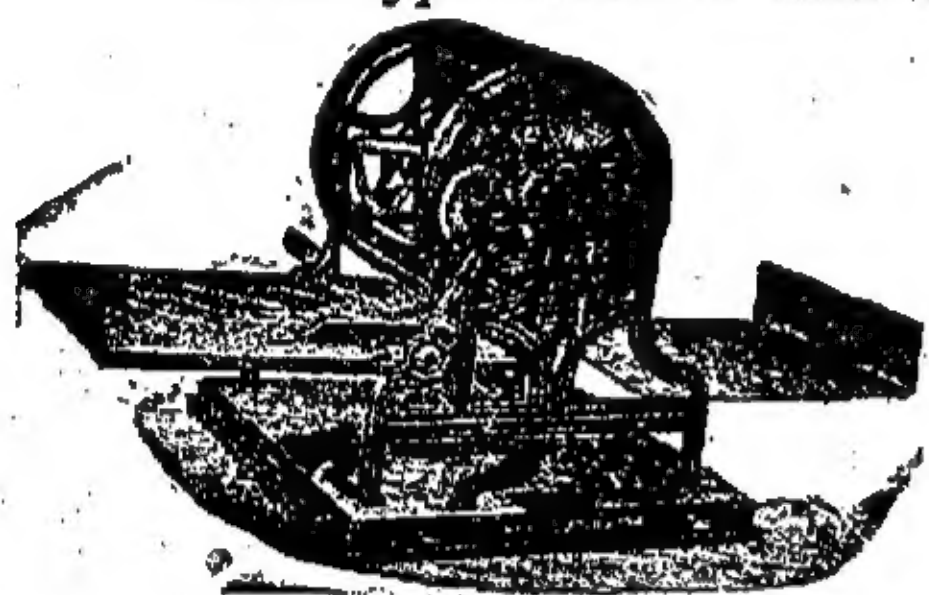
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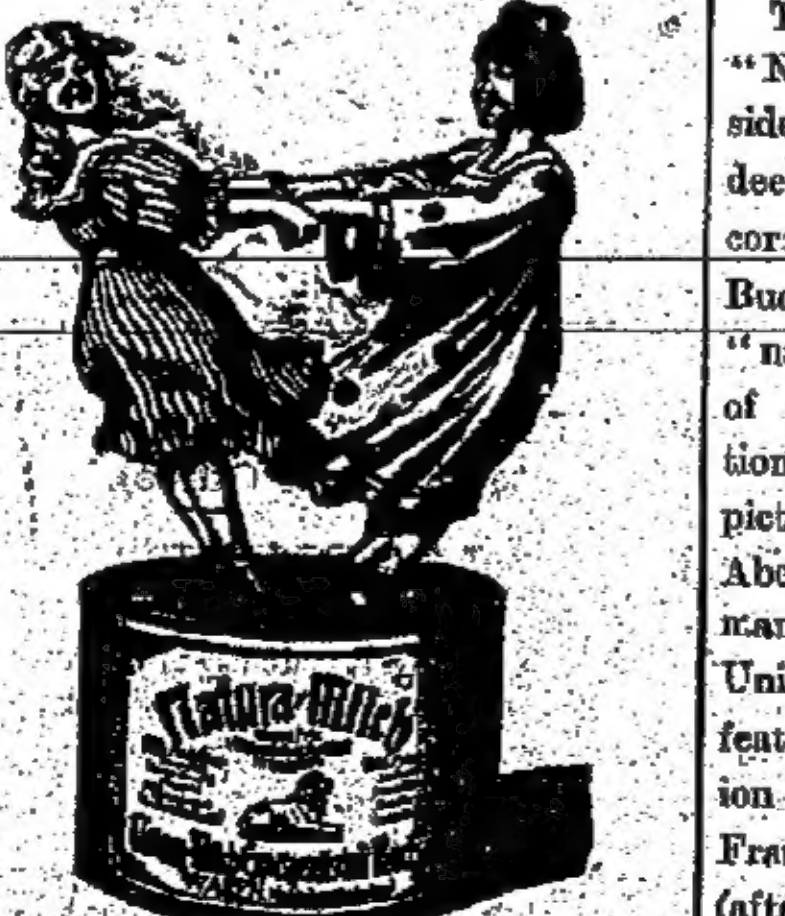
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, November 13.

A FORTH AND CLYDE SHIP CANAL.

The agitation in favour of a new, or at

any rate an enlarged canal between the

Forth and Clyde, appears to be gathering

strength. It is true that this week it was

stated in Parliament that the Admiralty

do not consider the deepening and widen-

ing of the Forth and Clyde Canal, so as to

provide a waterway from the East to the

West of Scotland, to be a pressing question

from a Naval point of view. But in such

matters the Government have not always

the last word; and in certain contemplated

contingencies it is believed that considerable

pressure might be brought to bear upon the

Admiralty and Treasury. An influential

syndicate has under serious consideration a

scheme for a deep draught canal through

the narrow slip of land between the two

great estuaries. Lord Strathcona, Sir John

Jackson, and Councillor John MacFarlane

of Glasgow have had an interview with the

Secretary for Scotland, and the mention

of these names puts the matter far above

mere rumour and brings it within the realm

of practical politics. When they speak

they mean business. They laid before the

right hon. gentleman a definite proposal to

construct a new canal from the Forth to

Loch Lomond, and then to Loch Long, the

waterway to be sufficient to take ships of 35

feet draught. Of course the Secretary for

Scotland could only give a non-committal

answer; nothing more was to be expected.

The negotiations, however, will not rest at

this point.

One engineering difficulty which has to

be faced in connection with the canal is

the locks, and it is understood that the

Blackman system is most in favour, which

means that there will be only two locks,—

one at each end.

A syndicate has also made an offer to

purchase the present canal from its pro-

prietors, presumably for reconstruction.

Everything, of course, is in the air; but

with rival schemes, and money behind

them, we may hear of an important

development of the Scottish canal system

at almost any moment.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

The curtain is rung down on the Scottish

National Exhibition. Two or three years

ago, when the scheme was first mooted, a

strong body of opinion existed in Edinburgh

against the adventure. There were bitter

recollections of the Exhibition of 1890, its

lamentable failure, and the calling upon the

guarantors to implement their cautionary

undertaking. But the promoters were not

to be daunted, after several false starts

the Exhibition was got under way, and—

well, its popularity has been its justifica-

tion. Three things contributed to its suc-

cess,—its size, which was small; its nature,

which was that of a parade and playground;

and its weather, which was of an exceed-

ingly favourable description for this our

unreliable latitude. As for any educational

influence, the Exhibition was practically

a failure. Except for the galleries of

Scottish art and the collection of Jacobite

and regimental relics, it had nothing about

it of an instructive or strictly improving

character. It caught on, to give the

plain, unvarnished truth, because of its

merry-go-rounds and its music. One

thing the Exhibition has shown, that there

is a growing desire for out-door recreation,

although in this we have still a far way to

go to reach anything like the tastes or

manners of our Continental neighbours.

The Exhibition has been visited by nearly

three million and half of people, and there

is a satisfactory surplus of £20,000.

ABERDEEN RECTORIAL CONTEST.

The students of Aberdeen University

have had a short and sharp struggle for

the election of their Lord Rector. It was

a straight political fight between Mr

Asquith and Sir Edward Carson, and Mr

Asquith captured three of the four

"nations," and had an aggregate majority

of 64 votes on a poll of 800. A Prime

Minister of whatever complexion is obvious-

ly a strong candidate in a student con-

stituency, and Sir Edward Carson has

therefore done as well as can be expected.

Besides, he was almost unknown to the

electors, most of his work having been in

connection with Irish affairs. For the

three Universities, the Unionists have thus

obtained two Lord Rectors (Glasgow and

Edinburgh), and the Liberals one (Aber-

deen),—what may be termed a good work-

ing majority.

The division of Scottish students into

"Nations" is often a puzzle to those out-

side Scottish University circles. In Aber-

deen, the students are arranged ac-

cording to their places of origin,—Mar-

duchan, Moray, and Angus,—and each

"nation" votes separately, the majority of

the "nation" deciding the election. The

term and the custom is a picturesque

survival of medieval times. Aberdeen

University was founded, like many others,

on the lines of the old University of Paris,

one of the distinctive features of that Uni-

versity being the division of its students

into four "nations"—France, Normandy,

Picardy, and England (afterwards Germany).

The Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen

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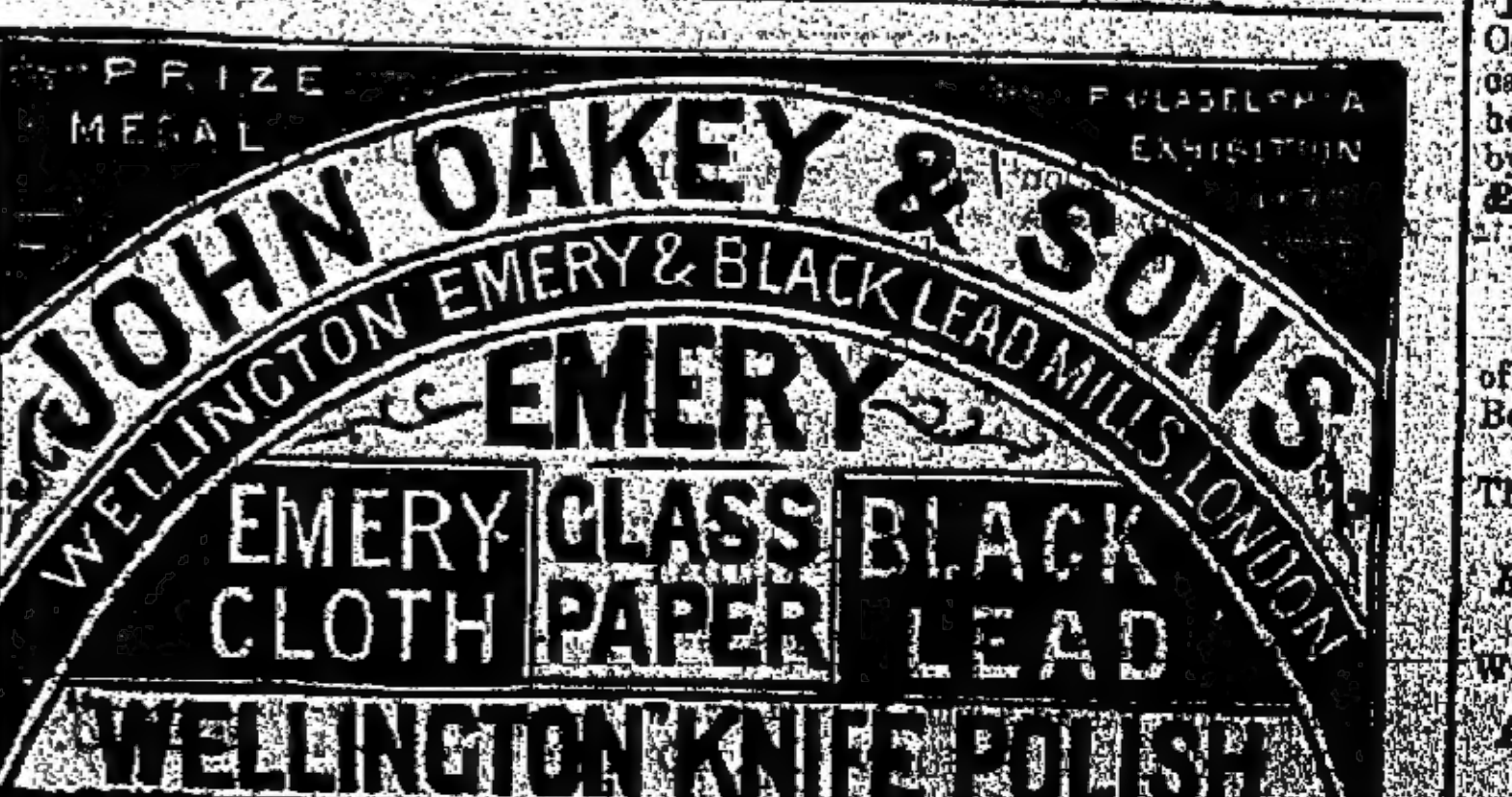
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Hongkong, December 22, 1908. 1716

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CHRISTMAS.

The one season of the year which more
than any other, calls out our better
selves and constrains us to kindly
thoughts and charitable feelings is
again with us. Now is the time for
all to freely draw draughts of
deep content and real happiness. For
us who are exiled in the Far East
Christmas brings in its train a host of
fond memories of happy days at
Home and recalls associations of which
we never wish to lose sight. Of course,
the true import and greatest significance
of Christmas are to be found in the
fact that it signals the commemoration
of the birth of the religion of peace and
love, out of which has grown that
sentiment of brotherhood and friendship
which is reflected in bright and happy
countenances, and which seems to fill
the very air we breathe at this festive
season. It is natural that at Christmas
time thoughts of "the good old days"
should suggest themselves; indeed, a
comparison of the customs and cere-
monies then and now observed in the
keeping of Yuletide will almost
involuntarily occur in one's mind. The
names of CHARLES DICKENS in England
and WASHINGTON IRVING in America are
popularly associated with endeavours
to revive what many have considered the
waning glories of Christmas, but for our-
selves we do not acknowledge that the
best traditions of the festival have ever
really faded from the minds of the
English people. True it is that with
the march of years its celebration has
in some respects altered in form; it
would indeed be strange if this were
not so. Still, however, it is regarded
as the season of "peace and goodwill,"
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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

From the 1st of January next Reuter's
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will be exclusively printed in the *China
Mail* and the *Hongkong Daily Press*, the
service to the Hongkong Chamber of Com-
merce being discontinued.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"Sit-on-the-floor" tea-parties are likely
to be popular in London this winter.The French Mail of the 24th Nov.
was delivered in London on the 23rd inst.The French Government is summoning
an international conference to consider a
code of laws for aerial navigation.We must heartily congratulate Miss
Massey upon her "Souvenir Calendar." Her
mottos are aptly chosen and display
a pretty wit.A baby passenger from Hongkong by
the Hamburg America steamer *Segovia*,
died a day before arriving at Singapore,
and was buried at sea.The eagerly anticipated P. and O. s.s.
Assaye, bearing the Christmas English
Mail, was signalled about twenty minutes
past one to-day, and the berthed at the
Kowloon wharf during the afternoon.Something out of the ordinary in the
way of births occurred the other day in
the Pyilanchath quarter of Rangoon. A
Burmese woman, named Ma Si, about 26
years of age, gave birth to four children, all
boys, but three died soon after birth. The
Burmese of the quarter attribute the deaths
to the excessive cold prevailing now.By kind permission of Major E. I. R.
Chitty and the Officers of the 10th M. L. I.
Regiment, the band will play to-morrow
night the following programme at Kowloon
Hotel from 7.30 p.m. sharp:—March ... "Kaiser Friedrich" ... Friedmann
Gallop ... "Eunice" ... Perden
Value ... "Christmas Roses" ... Walden
Selections ... "The East and the West" ... Caryl
Two Step ... "Oleanna" ... Ring
Lancers ... "Sany" ... Moore
Song ... "Contique de Noel" ... Adams
Caprice ... "Whistles and his dog" ... Pagar
Value ... "La Faut des Roses" ... Burger
Selection ... "On American National Air"
Tabani.March ... "Salute the Standard" ... Saffron
Gallop ... "En Route" ... Ronstein
GOD SAVE THE KING.Commenting on Mr Roosevelt's ascen-
sion from the presidency to the editorial
chair, the *New York Evening Post* is mildly
sarcastic. It says:—"We trust he will
elevate the profession. He will find it a
place for hard work, which he likes, and
for great patience, which he exemplifies.
When his esteemed contemporaries—per-
haps the very newspapers which have been
hauling every word of his as perfect wisdom
on his inconsistencies, he will have occasion
for that urbanity and forbearance which he
has so often exhibited. If his writings on
political, social, and industrial topics in
the *Outlook* should happen to be described
by the President as unmitigated nonsense
or fantastic rubbish he would know how to
possess his soul in meekness."The price of beef having risen to 70
sen a lb. in Tokyo, a company was
started to import frozen beef from Aus-
tralia and an order for 108,000 was given,
the idea being to retail it at from 27
to 28 sen per pound. This naturally
threw the Tokyo butchers into a ferment
of consternation. They immediately im-
ported 400 beasts from Korea and placed
them on a farm in Olayama Prefecture with
the object of offering Korean beef at 80 sen
a pound, a price at which they expected to
be able to recoup their expenses. Learning
of this project, the cold storage men fell
back upon the simple expedient of pos-
sioning their intended sale, and thus the but-
chers had to choose between feeding their
imported beasts until the moment of com-
petition came or killing them at once with
regard to the Australian commodity.
They chose the latter course, and when the
process had ended, the Cold Storage Com-
pany quietly stepped into the field and
began its sales on the 11th inst. with such
success that at one of its stores alone over
2,000 pounds were said to have been sold
in the day.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has had
a fall and torn some fibres in a muscle of
the side. He is confined to bed.The Victorian Legislative Council, Mel-
bourne, Australia, has passed a Bill
enabling women henceforth to vote at State
elections.Lady Lugard arrived to-day, by the
P and O. s.s. Assaye, greatly improved in
health after a holiday in England extending
over nine months.Paymaster A. Taylor has been posted
for duty with the cruiser *Kent*. He joins
the *Kent* from the scout *Schirmider* of the
Channel Fleet.Staff Surgeon T. D. Hahalan, who has
been appointed to the charge of the naval
sick quarters at Yokohama, has served
previously in Eastern waters, and is well
known as an expert in tropical diseases.An exchange has received official sanction
between Lieutenant L. R. C. Douglas-
Hamilton, 1st Battalion, Queen's Own
Cameroons Highlanders, Tidworth, and
Second Lieutenant R. F. L. Johnson, 2nd
Battalion, Tientsin.Mr W. E. Chunyut, of Parkside, Kowloon,
who joined the American Government
service as a civil engineer, after having
gone to the Philippines to take charge of
sugar plantations at Iloilo, has just died at
early age of 31 years. Many friends
in Hongkong will mourn his loss.At the conclusion of his visit to Turkey
next March the Rev. F. B. Meyer, the
well-known Congregational divine, will
journey thence to Singapore and Hong-
kong, and through China and Japan, for
missionary conferences. He will travel
home by way of Canada, arriving in Eng-
land in November. Mr Meyer will repre-
sent many different organisations on his
tour. His journey to the Far East has
been planned by the Kewick Committee.
In his capacity of President of the World's
Association of Sunday Schools Mr Meyer
will introduce improved methods of Sunday-
school work in China. He will be accom-
panied by Mrs Meyer.

S.S. ASSAYE ON FIRE.

After leaving Singapore a fire was dis-
covered in No. 4 hold of the s.s. Assaye,
which originated owing to a spark passing
down one of the ventilators. The entire
cargoes turned out to their respective stations
very smartly and the fire which was assum-
ing proportions was extinguished in forty
minutes. Captain C. F. L. Daniel is to be
congratulated on the efficiency of his men.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the
Fig of the Hongkong Observatory:—On the 24th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer
has fallen moderately over N. China, and
risen slightly over Formosa and the Philip-
pines.Another depression is probably ap-
proaching Manchuria from the Westward.
Pressure is highest over the Yangtze
valley.

Yesterday afternoon the other

BULGARIA COMPLAINS. OF OFFENSIVE PASSAGE IN SULTAN'S SPEECH.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, December 23.
A Bulgarian Note to the Powers complains of the offensive tone of a passage in the Sultan's speech, at the opening of the Turkish Parliament, referring to Bulgaria. It is feared that the remarks will lead to further tension in Turco-Bulgarian relations.

HAPPY EVENT EX- PECTED.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, December 23.
In the Hague Chamber, in the presence of all the Ministers of the Government, the physicians' declaration was read stating that Queen Wilhelmina was undoubtedly *enceinte*. There was great cheering at the announcement.

ALLEGED ABUSES.

IN CUSTOMS HOUSES.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 23.
Kang Chun Lin, a Censor, has memorialized the Throne that abuses, unqualified in number by any other Province, exist in the Kwangtung and Fokien Customs.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE NAVY.

IMPORTANT CHANGES.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 23.
It had been decided by the Grand Council that next year the Navy shall be re-organized; the new system regarding the status and promotion of officials to be adopted; the Likin tax be abolished and the Customs duties and rates increased.

THE SHAVING OF THE HEAD.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 23.
The Grand Council and the Board of Rites jointly memorialized the Throne that the people might be allowed to shave their heads before the Chinese New Year, instead of one hundred days after the death of the late Emperor.

MR LLOYD GEORGE ON THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

LONDON, December 22.
Mr Lloyd George speaking in Liverpool said that Lord Lansdowne had usurped a sovereignty not claimed since Charles I, which we were not going to stand, and we were not going to quote King Lansdowne any longer but to shatter his throne. The House of Lords must be challenged on the question of finance.

THE LARGEST BRIDGE IN THE WORLD.

LONDON, December 22.
The Pennsylvania Railroad plans a bridge of three miles from New York to Long Island with a span to Hell Gate of 1000 feet. The cost will be \$3,000,000, and it will be the largest bridge in the world.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

LONDON, December 22.
It is not likely that any steps will be taken in the Straits Opium Commission report until the conclusion of the Shanghai conference. The suggestion that the publication of the report is delayed for political purposes is unfounded.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

IN SOUTH AFRICA.
MR S. Schneider, of Johannesburg, O. R. S. is very grateful to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He has found that it cures his children as well himself of their coughs and colds. They were all coughing and got no relief until this remedy was used. Many parents here made this same discovery. There is nothing better for coughs, colds and croup, and it is certain to be a conjunctive substance, there is no danger in giving it to the child. For sale by all chemists and stores.

SINGAPORE SCARED.

PLAGUE INFECTED RATS DISCOVERED AT WHARVES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SINGAPORE, December 24.
Plague infected rats have been discovered in the neighbourhood of the wharves.
It is supposed that these rats have been brought by vessels from India.
The Sanitary Department in the South of the City are investigating the matter and adopting every precaution.

LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
LONDON, November 17.
The China Society held its opening winter meeting at the Caxton Hall on Thursday night, and the attendance at it, I expect, be the record for the session. The hall was, in fact, crowded, and everybody interested in China, in any way connected with the Society, or known to its members, was there.

Mr Byron Brennan, with his co-Secretary, Mr Ivan Chen, was all smiles as he surveyed the auspicious opening. But he had anticipated a crowd, because he had arranged for Sir Robert Hart to take the chair, and the Chinese Minister, Lord Li, to read one paper and the Legation First Secretary, Mr Ivan Chen, to read a second. Probably, in the first name the public found the strongest attraction. Anyway, there they were and they had a capital evening, many old friendships being renewed as those lately from China met people who preceded them home by a year or two.

Sir Robert Hart, as usual, was optimistic as to the future of China—the tragic events of the Chinese Royal Palace had not then taken place or we might have had interesting statements thereon—and he pointed to the inventive faculty of Orientals, instancing guns, the telephone, the phonograph, diablo, and a host of other ideas that had come to the West long after the Eastern brain had conceived them. East and West, he said, were far apart, but they were being brought closer every day by steamers, railroads, telegraphs, post-offices, and globe trotters.

Lord Li's short-paper, read by its author in excellent English, was on the general evolution of philosophy and science and he claimed that early in their history the Chinese had appliances of which modern civilisation was proud.

Mr Ivan Chen, as his hint was, "full of wise saws and modern instances," to say nothing of genial digs at Western habits and customs. His paper was on "Climbing the social ladder in China." He pointed out that, with a sarcastic tinge to his voice, there were no political parties in China and therefore no party class to influence the conferring of titles. Nor was there a legal profession in China and a man with special bent towards legal subtleties was not regarded as a member of an honourable profession. He would not be spoken of as a barrister at law but by the use of expressions which modestly forbade him to mention in the presence of it, might be, many members of the legal profession.

He went on to show that examinations and real knowledge and merit were the means of emerging from obscurity in China, and the tendency was to modernize the examinations. Incidentally Mr Chen showed he has got hold not only of the King's English but also some of our slang, for with a twinkle in his eye he added that if the candidates for examination were lacking in knowledge or alertness they were promptly "chucked out."

In the subsequent discussion sympathetic speeches in regard to the progress of China were made by General Evers, Mr W. Cartwright, and others.

Sir Robert Hart got in another good word for China by saying that grit and energy and hard work could pave the way to success for the young Chinese.
The tragic events in the Royal Palace at Peking this week-end have caused a great deal of space to be devoted to things Chinese here in England. It is noticeable, however, that as in most cases where international news is in demand and incomplete assertions are the more positive and the stories more sensational, both prospective and retrospective. Thus in the accounts given of the lives of the Emperor and Empress Dowager I have noticed the most striking contradictions and while one paper will portray the Dowager as yielding, to reformers another sketches her as a thoroughgoing reactionary. She is variously styled the Catherine the Great of the East and the Queen Elizabeth of China, and her attributes are compared with unflattering adjectives to various classical ladies and so on through the ages down to Lucretia Borgia. The Emperor is similarly dealt with and mournful dirges are sung at his loss, the general tendency being to regard him as a good young man but weak.

And so with the future of China. Sir Robert Hart and other ex-servants of China are close-lipped when questioned as to the future. As to "Old China hands" their views are set forth in parallel columns in most striking contrast—some in favour of Prince Chun and some in ominous prognostication of reactionary evils. The man-in-the-street pays his money for his newspaper and takes his choice of the news. All that can be said is that the West is watching the East with the keenest interest and hope is strong that the progress of the Flowery Land will continue to develop. Indeed, wise men with a knowledge of East and West are mainly of the opinion that the modern spirit has permeated the Chinese too far now for any serious set-back to arise.

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At the break of Christmas Day,
Through the frosty starlight ringing,
Pain and sweet and far away
Chant the sound of children, singing,
Chorus, singing,
"Cease to mourn,
For Christ is born,
Peace and joy to all men bringing!"
Careless that the chill winds blow,
Growing stronger, sweeter, clearer,
Noiseless footfalls in the snow
"Bring the happy voices nearer."
Hear them singing,
"Winter's dress,
But Christ is here,
Mirth and gladness with Him bringing!"
"Merry Christmas!" hear them say,
As the East is growing lighter
"May the joy of Christmas Day
Make your whole year gladder, brighter"
Join their singing,
"To each home
Our Christ has come,
All Love's treasures with Him bringing!"
MARGARET DELAND.

SPORTING.

Football.

Only three league matches are down for decision on Saturday, the Buffs and the R.G.A. having a rest. The Royal Engineers are to meet the Y.M.C.A. for the first time this season at 3 p.m., on the military ground, while the Naval Yard United will also oppose the R.A.M.C. for the first time, on the Naval ground as well as the B.O.C. and Lusitano at Causeway Bay at 4 p.m. All the teams have materially improved since the inauguration of the League and when the teams meet they ought to be more evenly matched than hitherto.

The following will play for the B.O.C. against the Lusitano at 4 p.m., at Causeway Bay on Saturday:—C. Ferreira, A. Abbas, Y. Abbas, L. Cordero, H. J. White, J. Chew, J. E. Chanyut, J. L. Goldenberg, G. Evans, O. Sequeira, R. Remedios, H. H. Muskett and A. R. Ellis.
The I.R.C. team will be—R. C. da Silva, A. R. Hyndman, Frank Soares, P. da Rosa, J. M. Brito, H. A. Hyndman, A. O. Bordoio, V. Azavedo, A. Ribeiro.

On Saturday, at 3 p.m. a match will be played between the Y.M.C.A. and the Royal Engineers on the military ground, Happy Valley. The following will play for the Y.M.C.A.:—Goal, Atkins; backs, McCubbin, Van Ginkel; half-backs, Storrer, Wharton, Hunter; forwards, Kelly, Wilson, Vivesch, Clements, Bishop.

Cricket.

There are no League cricket matches down for decision on Saturday.

A match will be played at Happy Valley on Saturday between the Craighower Cricket Club and the Parses, at 2.15 p.m. sharp, on the ground of the former. The following members will represent the Parses team:—J. D. Norris, (Captain), B. D. Tata, J. A. Chinyo, H. K. Mody, R. J. Daryavall, S. B. Badiwalla, N. B. Shroff, R. Pestonjee, A. Mowatwalla, P. F. Vapiwalla, J. P. Heera, Reserves:—Z. K. Mehta, K. D. Guedar, M. F. Billimoria, Umphir, Mr A. B. Avasia. Craighower's team will be composed of G. A. Hancock, Capt. J. H. L. Manderson, M. E. Asger, L. A. Rosa, A. Osman, P. Curry, R. Carvalho, A. Carralho, A. P. Greaves, R. Phillips and F. Drude.

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The match commences to-morrow, Xmas Day, at 2 p.m., and by the kindness of Major E. W. Evans and Officers of the 15th Rajputa the Regimental Band will play selections of music on the ground during the afternoon. The match will be continued on Saturday, Boxing Day, at 11 a.m. and during the afternoon by the kindness of Major E. W. R. Chitty and Officers of the 10th Madras the Regimental Band will be in attendance.

PARSES V. MOHLENS.

A friendly match between these teams will be played on the Parses ground on Christmas Day, commencing at 3 o'clock. The Parses side will be:—Norris (Capt.), S. Badiwalla, J. Chinyo, Hogarth, Taylor, J. Hira, A. Mowatwalla, O. Vapiwalla, J. Shroff, R. Daryavall, and M. Billimoria.

League Table.

The following is the League Table up to date:—

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Per centage.
H.K.C.C. "B"	5	0	0	5		100%
Civil Service	5	4	1	0		80%
Telegraphists	5	3	1	1		50%
H.K.C.C. "A"	5	2	1	2		33.33%
Craighower	7	2	2	3		
R.G.A.	4	1	2	1		33.33%
Kovilon	5	1	4	0		20%
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REVIEW.

Vivienne's Venture, by Viola Graeme.
London, Francis Griffiths.

A book of variable merit. At times the story drags heavily along over a patch of prosy reflections, occasionally there is a flash of brightness, once or twice the feelings are outraged by details of decidedly unpleasant incidents, while again some of the sentimentality is a trifle nauseating. The "Venture" takes the form of a society girl's dabble in journalism, and it may at once be said that the story is based on incidents and happenings that border almost on impossibilities, while the consistency of character and action is utterly absent. It is difficult to discover the precise purport of the book, unless it be the exposure of what we have grown accustomed to hear spoken of as the sins and charms of society life. Certainly the authors, who, by the way, is a local lady, has her complaints to make on this score, for she puts many bitter indictments on these lines into the mouths of her characters. But even these have often been heard before in similar language. Here is a sample:—

"Dah! I have had enough of it; come a way. I am heartily sick of the follies of the day, the heartlessness of women, the absolute vanity of all. Do you know that some of these creatures positively weep over a complexional defect and are less than nothing for the sufferings of a child? The illness of a favourite dressmaker for greater calamity than all the horrors of war, the selection of a toady infinitely more important and engrossing than the education of their sons and daughters, when they have them. But even motherhood now-a-days is no longer a sacred duty, irrevocable privilege, but merely a means whereby to attain some desired or desirable end—a further claim to consideration, another bid for power, or the necessity of providing an heir to some great estate."

There is the old story of the marriage de convenience, with a reference to the solemn bridal service being read over "a trembling drug-stupified young girl, whose white face and sunken eyes besought mercy for mercy; the age is declared, in another place, to be an utterly heartless one—"love and honour, purity of life, high ideals and noble aspirations seemed of no account in comparison with the possession of valuable things, expensive trappings." But these are but mild imprecations compared to the following passage:—"I don't even think that most despised of all women, the procuress, is any worse than the society mother, who deliberately sells her daughter's body, soul, and spirit to a wealthy well-placed husband. Extremes meet, my dear, but there's not much difference between the ladies of pleasure all the world over, whether they be duchesses of the French or the English."

Although an impossible being, Vivienne Darcy—to use her assumed name—is at times a most interesting character. She is the niece of Lady Castlemaine, but rather than consent to an arranged marriage she leaves her home and surroundings, and decides to seek her own living in the realms of journalism, having previously attained some little success at short story writing. So by certainly unorthodox methods she obtains the position of society reporter to *Fashionable Frivolities*, her future employer entertaining the personal application for the position in the words "When beauty pleads, I am vanquished."

Vivienne first appears as a girl of ambition and self-interest, who, great strength of character, she realises the powers of her sex which she means "to use freely, with the most absolute lack of scruple, if by so doing, she can forward her own ends." She becomes engrossed in her new life; so much so, in fact, that she is towards the end of the story heard confessing, "I believe in realistic writing, and to this end I have played numerous roles, from the innocent fresh from the country to the most sordid and horrible of depraved characters." On another occasion she asserts that she is prepared to sell her soul for "cash." In the early days of her new work she meets in the most desirable of circumstances a woman known as Olga Miller, whose preferred friendship she unhesitatingly accepts, in spite of the fact that she soon discovers that this person is a member "of that most despised, most powerful, body of women the *debutantes*." Indeed she soon learns that Olga Miller though single, is the mother of a child, whose father she constantly refers to as "my boy." Still however the friendship continues, until Vivienne ultimately decides to share rooms with her companion.

It is not long, however, that Olga Miller's child is no other than Claude Mellicourt, the editor of *Fashionable Frivolities*, who had already asked Vivienne to become his wife. His decision to throw over Olga Miller is responsible for a harrowing collapse of the girl, he is summoned to her bedside by Vivienne who tells him that Olga's life lies in his hands, and enquires what he intends doing. On learning that Vivienne does not entertain an affection for Claude, he is so sorry as Olga Miller he declares that he will marry her, which he eventually does. It is now Vivienne's turn to study the future of the couple with whom she has had so much to do, and by an ingenious method she secures Olga's reversion into a society, notwithstanding her declarations against the sins and dangers! There she continues her journalistic career, succeeds in producing what is declared to be the novel of the year, and concludes by marrying a Capt. Leach, Grand, whom she had known two years previously sworn her love to, but had refused to wed until her career had been brought to its zenith. So all ends happily. Perhaps the kindest thing to say of the production is that it will possibly appeal to the ladies.

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed once at Consignees' risk and expense. Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 24th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of cargo from Singapore are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1908.

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

DARNAVONSHIRE, Captain IRON, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Shanghai Wharves and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 28th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative as an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 21, 1908.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship DERFFLINGER, having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and West Point Godowns where delivery may be obtained. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 28th of December, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th of December, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 28th of December, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

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DESIGNATION.	VESSLS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
Australian Ports	Empire (a).....	Sibs Livingston & Co.	Jan. 7, at Mem.
Boston & New York	Munaster Castle (a).....	Doddell & Co. Limited	About Jan. 10.
Coastal & Shanghai	Ochoona Maru (a).....	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 31, at S. M.
Europe	Osaka Maru (a).....	Meichers & Co.	Dec. 30, at Noon
Genoa, Mar., L'don	Hirano Maru (a).....	Hirpon Yssen Kalsh	Dec. 29, Daylight
Havre, R'don, M'burg	Saonda (a).....	Hamburg-Amk Lin's	December 27.
Hiro & Hamburg	Gatria (a).....	Hamburg-Amk Lin's	January 11.
Japan	Hirano (a).....	Hirpon Yssen Kalsh	2nd half Dec.
Kobe	Walantia Maru (a).....	Hirpon Yssen Kalsh	

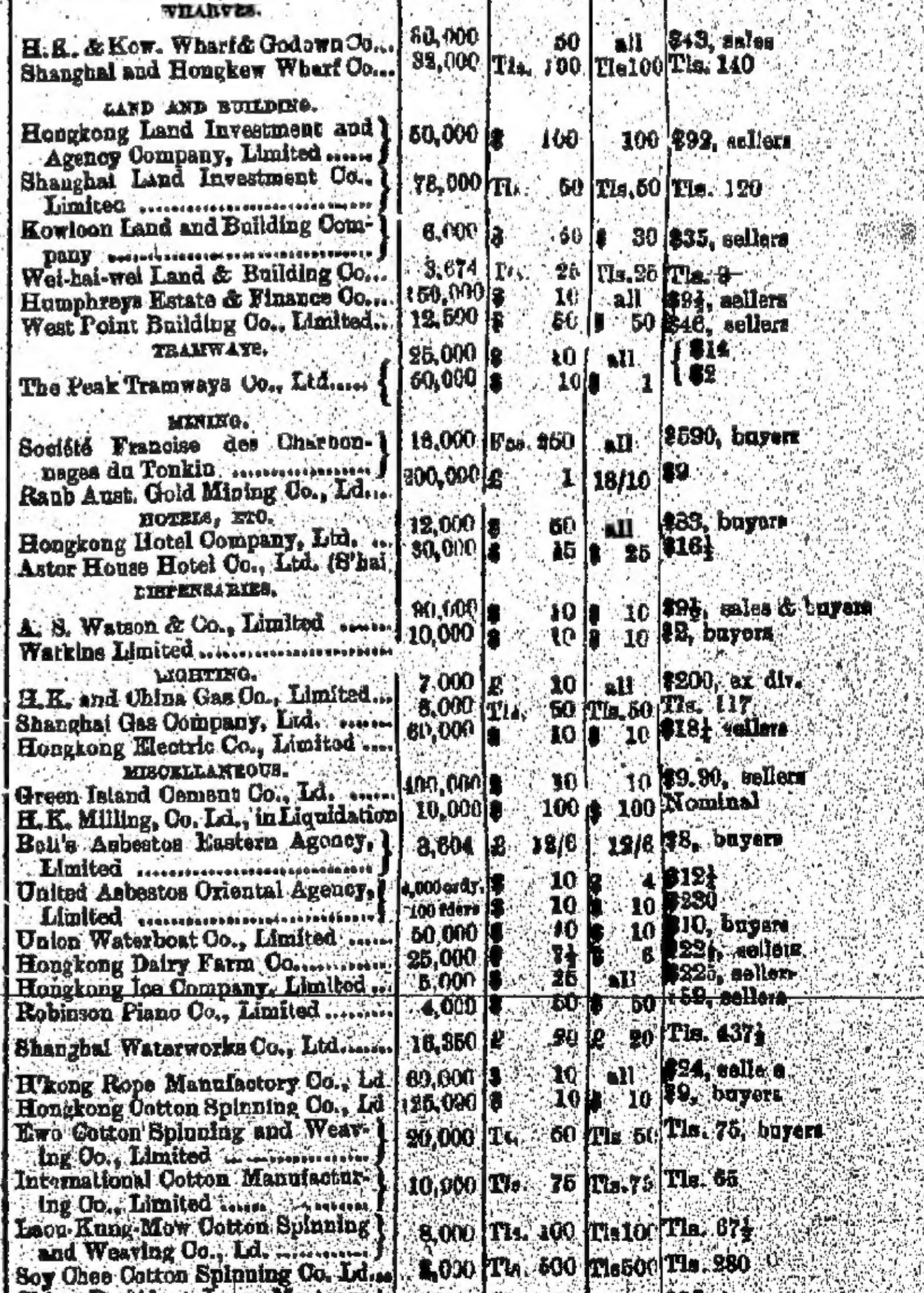
Kobe & Yokohama.	Sanki Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 23, Daylight.
London, & London & Yokohama.	Delta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 24, at Noon.
London & Yokohama.	Yamato Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 6, Daylight.
Manila	Yusuf Maru (s)	Yokohama Specie Co. Ltd.	Jan. 10, at Noon.
Manila	Loongsang (s)	Yokohama Specie Co. Ltd.	Jan. 10, at Noon.
Manila	Tea (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 31, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Tuning (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 2, at Noon.
Manila	Gabl (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 5, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Gabl (s)	Shevan, Thomas & Co.	Dec. 23, at Noon.
Manila	Sicilia (s)	Shevan, Thomas & Co.	Jan. 2, at Noon.
Manila, A'lian Ports.	Obanghans (s)	Butterfield & Swire	About Dec. 30.
Manila, A'lian Ports.	Prinz Waldemar (s)	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 30, at 5 p.m.
Manillelle v. Saigon.	Simone Simons (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Jan. 5, at 1 p.m.
Manillelle v. San Francisco.	Emato Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 22, at noon.
New York.	Sika (s)	McCall & Co. Limited	December 23.
New York v. Sues Canal.	Indravadi (s)	Jardine Matheson & Co.	About Jan. 2.
San Francisco v. Japan.	Ohyo Maru (s)	Fuyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 2, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan.	Aiata (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Jan. 2, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan.	Mongolia (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Jan. 2, at Noon.

S'low, Amoy & Tamsu	Daijin Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 8, at Noon.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe Y'ma	Fooksang (s).....	Ossan Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 29, at 8 a.m.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Andalusin (s).....	Jardine, Mathon & Co., Ltd	Jan. 11, at Noon.
S'hai, P'tau, O'fao, &c.	Chongahing (s).....	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	January 2.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Y'ma	Arratoon Apar (s).....	Jardine, Mathon & Co., Ltd	Dec. 23, at 4 p.m.

Shanghai	Fooshing (s)	Jardine, Mason & Co., Ltd.	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Hwangsang (s)	Jardine, Mason & Co., Ltd.	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Tiylilwong (s)	Jardine, Mason & Co., Ltd.	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Aseoyo (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 1, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai	Nyanya (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 1, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai	Laisang (s)	Jardine, Mason & Co., Ltd.	Dec. 29, at 2 p.m.
Shanghai	E. Fr. Ferdinand (s)	Sander, Wierler & Co.	Dec. 26, Daylight
Shanghai	Takamaaki (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	December 30

S' tow, Amoy & F'choo	Haitian (s)	.....	Douglas L'p'rait & Co.	Dec. 28, daylight
S' tow, Amoy & F'choo	Hiang (s)	.....	Douglas L'p'rait & Co.	Dec. 28, at noon
Anping & Takao	Shibotaro Maru (s)	.....	Douglas L'p'rait & Co.	Dec. 28, at noon
Victoria, B.C., Swatse	Shimano Maru (s)	.....	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha.	Dec. 27, daylight
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Lovers (s)	.....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Jan.	28, at noon
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Boverie (s)	.....	and S. Co., Limited, Jan.	14, daylight
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of Japan (s)	.....	Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Feb.	11, at noon
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China (s)	.....	Canadian P'fic R. Co., Jan.	16, at 7 a.m.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Montsiegla (s)	.....	Canadian P'fic R. Co., Feb.	13, at 7 a.m.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.		.....	Canadian P'fic R. Co., Mar.	22, at noon

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.				
December 24, 1908.				
Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Last up.	Closing Quotations Onch.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	130,000	\$ 125	all	\$845, sales & sellers
Nation Bank of China, Limited	89,295	£ 5	50	1282.00
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canion Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 60		\$135, sales
China Trade Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$ 85.33	25	\$97, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 15	5	\$105, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	\$ 250	100	\$835, sales
YANKEE Insurance Association Ltd.	12,000	\$ 150	60	\$167



China Borneo Company, Ltd.	24,000				
China Merchants' Bank	1,500	10	all	\$8, yuans	
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	15,000		7	7	\$4, dollars
Wm. Powell, Limited	3,000				\$24
South China Morning Post	5,000	35	25		\$5, dollars
China Light and Power Company	20,000	1	1		\$100, dollars
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	50,000	1	1		\$100, dollars
Weismann Limited	30,000	1	1		\$100, dollars
Other companies	115	137	100		\$150
Philippine Co., Limited	57,500	10	10		\$5, dollars

DATE.	Amount.	Paid.	Interest.	Balance.
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